

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2016



Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
- Isaiah 60:1

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms – Psalm 72
Second Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12



Amanda Greco, Rosa Jones, 12/27; Cary/Mariel Forrester, Irma Thoma, Jeanette Thurmond, James Wink 12/20; Sondra Clark, Peggy Huffman, Ronnie Shuler, Louis/Tony Smith 12/6; Frank/Linda Develle, Michael Durst, Sandra Elliott, Ann Greco, Abron Haymond, Marjorie Jaap, Reba Jennings, Helen Machost, Margaret Major, Lura Matthews, Rita Reed, Hazel Sanders Sue Trebotich, Sonny/Veronica Womack, Bro. Bob McGovern, Fr. Xavier Colavechio, Fr. Richard Somers, Fr. Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishops: William Houck and Joseph Latino 11/29; Amanda Warren, Stephen/Crystal/Emma Lynn Warren 11/22; Larmay Acy, John Hardy, Carson/Katherine/Jamie Beck, Valerie Bernard, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Theresa Cannon, James Colon, Cathy/Mike Eaves, Michael Eaves, Faye Gibson, Grace Jeadron, Ernestine Lindsey, Lorraine Lorio, Frank Machost, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Shirley Redmond, Doris Rush, Richard Sellers, John Thomas, Doug/Bessie Trovato, Johnathan Warren, Frances White, David Winters, Wayne/Zach Wyldmon 11/15; **Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office – Names will stay on for one month.**

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Prayers for Safety for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P Collins, Nathan Darnell, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Joe Hayes, Derek Liding, Michael Machost, Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, James (Alec) Ponder and Nathan Waltman. You may place a picture of the individual on the military bulletin board located in the parish hall.



Sacrificial Giving Last Week:

Regular Tithe	\$5541.66
"Take a Step"	\$315.00
Coffee and Doughnuts (\$22 needed)	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$30.00
Youth	\$32.16
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collections

Jan 10 – Saltillo Mission
February 14 – Black and Indian Missions

January Month of: The Holy Name



Monday – Friday

7:30am Mass Carmelite Monastery

WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:

*** Changes or Additions ***

STT – St. Therese CTK – Christ the King
OLOG – Our Lady of Guadalupe
MFCC – Christian Catholic Family Movement
MSJLOG – Marian Servants of Jesus the Lamb of God

Saturday, January 2 – Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

12Noon Adoration
3:00pm Confession
4:00pm Mass – Special Intention for our Parish

Sunday January 3 – Epiphany of the Lord

10:30am Mass – People of the Parish
12:30pm Spanish Mass

Monday, January 4 – NO MASS – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30pm Madonna Circle – parish hall

Tuesday, January 5 – St. John Neuman

5:00pm Cursillo Prayer Group – prayer room
5:30pm Mass – Souls in Purgatory
6:10pm Rosary
6:30pm Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 6 – St. André Bessette

9:00am – 7pm Adoration
5:30pm Mass at CTK

Thursday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Penyafort;

Julian Calendar Christmas

5:30pm Mass – Special Intention
6:00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting – parish office

Friday, January 8

8:45am Mass at CTK

Saturday, January 9 – Vigil of Baptism of the Lord

3:00pm Confession
4:00pm Mass – People of the Parish
5:15pm Welcome New Year's Dinner Dance – parish hall (\$30.00 per person in advance)

Sunday January 10 – Baptism of the Lord

9:00am RCIA – parish hall
9:00am English PSR – office classrooms
10:30am Mass – Lee Greco Birthday Intention
11:00am Spanish PSR – school classrooms
11:30am Confirmation – office classroom
12:30pm Spanish Mass

LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes, humble though they be,
make the mighty ages of eternity.

–Julia A. Fletcher Carney

Blessing of Jordan water, chalk, and incense: The traditional method for blessing homes on the Epiphany of the Lord uses incense, chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made), and "Jordan water."

The chalk is used to mark

20 + C + M + B + 16 over doorways, the numerals consecrate the New Year, the initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin motto:

Christus mansionem benedicat
"May Christ Bless the House"

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2016

World Marriage Day 2016, Sunday, February 7, will be celebrated at 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle. There will be Mass followed by a reception. The Mass honors all married couples, but invites those celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th anniversaries or any significant anniversary. Please submit your name, address and wedding date to Teresa Kemp at the parish office **THIS WEEK**, 601-372-4481 or stheresecc@yahoo.com.

The Catholic Foundation July 2014- June 2015 Trust Disbursements

St. Therese Catholic Church, Jackson has several Trusts and/or Endowments that have been established. Each year monies are contributed to these perpetual trusts and at the end of each fiscal year a % of the trust are distributed to the parish specified by the trust documents and the monies are budgeted accordingly. The amounts distributed this year are as follows:

St. Therese Parish Trust (as needed) – \$798.57
Brother Luke Pearson FMS Trust (education) – \$299.10
Louis V. Covert Memorial Trust (education) – \$1321.71
Leah Youngblood Trust (youth ministry) – \$258.24

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Married Couple's Retreat, February 5-7, 2016

St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center

in Chatawa, MS. Experience the peace and beauty of the pine woods in a weekend of learning to know God, self and each other better. The theme is, "*Finding God in All things—Encountering the Living God in Marriage.*" Robin and Easton Hebert, spiritual directors and retreat leaders from Lafayette, LA, will be your guides as you grow in your spirituality as a couple. For more information and reservations, contact Sister Helen Roper at 601-341-9447 (cell) or e-mail her at hroper@ssndcp.org.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS



Each week at St. Therese (at all Masses), we have a chalice and/or vocation framed picture that goes from home to home. Each home keeps the item for one week and returns it the next weekend. There are also suggested prayers that accompany the chalice and/or picture. If you would like to sign up to have the chalice/picture in your home, and pray for vocations during the coming weeks, please sign the Vocation Board found in the gathering space.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What "recalculation" of my schedule or priorities must I make to answer the challenge of today's Gospel to chart a direct route to a personal encounter with God-made-flesh?

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Remember loved ones during this Christmas Season with an honorary or memorial of Poinsettias. **Envelopes are located in the gathering space.** Please include your name and the loved one you would like to honor or remember on the envelope. Thank you.

JANUARY – ALERT

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness month. Women, men and children in the U.S. and around the world are subjected to forced labor, domestic servitude and the sex trade at the hands of human traffickers. U.S. Catholic Sisters are working together to end this crime. Learn more about it at sistersagainsttrafficking.org. Ending Slavery is everyone's work.